

CITY OF VENTURA

FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

Date Of Release: December 18, 2021
Fire Incident Number: 21-0108170
Incident Commander: Battalion Chief Matt Brock
Incident Type: Residential structure fire
Date/Time of Incident: 12/18/2021, 3:16 pm
Incident Location: 4600 blk of Rossini Lane. Ventura, CA 93003
Cause/Origin: Under investigation
Injuries Reported: None
Units Committed On-Scene: 10
Total Fire Personnel On-Scene: 26
Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire, Oxnard Fire, Ventura County Fire, AMR

Narrative: Fire units were dispatched to a reported residential structure fire. Units arrived to find a growing fire inside an occupied apartment. Fire crews made an aggressive attack on the fire and thankfully prevented spread to other near by apartments. No injuries were reported and the sole female adult occupant was supported for sheltering needs by the Red Cross. The fire originated in a HVAC unit and exact cause is currently under investigation. Residents are reminded to always have a working smoke detector in any living space and to never leave any open flame such as a candle unattended. The Ventura City Fire Department wishes all community residents and visitors a safe and happy holiday season.

The Ventura City Fire Department is committed to working with the City's Safe & Clean Program and regional partners to address any ongoing life-safety and property threats posed by homeless encampments in Ventura. Fires can occur in the river bottom because of unsheltered individuals living in the area who use fire for warmth and cooking. These fires can grow quickly and produce a lot of smoke because of strong winds, dry brush, fuel, and tall grasses.

The City's Safe and Clean program continues to work on long-term housing solutions and provides preventative resources for our most vulnerable populations. Safe & Clean works proactively with the Ventura Police Patrol Task Force, the Ventura City Fire Department, various social service providers, and community partners to clean up brush and debris in the riverbeds. City staff also visits these areas weekly to share education, health, and social services to unsheltered individuals, who legally, cannot be relocated from the river bottom to a safer location.

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